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Dear Sir:


This Communication is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 1, 2002 under 35 U.S.C. § 121 for the subject patent application.

Applicant hereby elects the Invention of Group I, with traverse, which consists of Claims 1-16.

Applicant elects Species A consisting of FIGS. 7A-7E, 11C, 12B and 12C.

Independent Claim 1 and dependent Claims 2-16 read on the species of FIGS. 7A-7E, 11C, 12B and 12C.

Respectfully submitted,

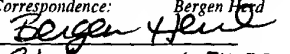
  
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